

Exhibit A

Clean Version of The Pending Claims in U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/899,513

5. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid expression vector comprising a nucleotide sequence that:

- (a) encodes the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2; and
- (b) hybridizes under highly stringent conditions to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or the complement thereof.

6. (New) An isolated nucleic acid expression vector comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

7. (New) A host cell comprising the expression vector of claim 6.